

Appln No. 10/510,617
Amdt date January 3, 2007
Reply to Office action of July 31, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to correct grammatical and idiomatic errors. No new matter was added. A substitute specification and compare copy showing the changes are appended to this Amendment. Applicant requests entry of the substitute specification.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled and new claims 11-18 have been added. No new matter was added. Applicant reserves the right to file cancelled claims 1-10 in a future divisional/continuation application. Applicant respectfully requests entry of amendments to the claims.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-10 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 11-18, thus obviating the objections to the claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under § 112

The rejections of claims 8-10 have been obviated by the cancellation of the claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

Claim Rejections Under § 101

The rejections of claims 8-10 have been obviated by the cancellation of the claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

Appln No. 10/510,617
Amdt date January 3, 2007
Reply to Office action of July 31, 2006

Claim Rejections Under § 102

Claim 1 has been rejected under § 102(b) as been anticipated by Guo et al. (CN 1178697). Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is obviated by the cancellation of Claim 1. Further, Guo et al. makes no mention of *Epimedium brevicornum* Maxim. and, *Cuscuta chinensis* Lam. Thus, Guo et al. does not teach each and every element of the present invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

Claim Rejections Under § 103

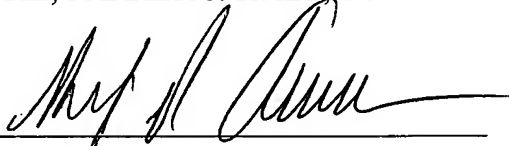
Claims 1-3 have been rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guo et al. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is obviated by the cancellation of claim 1-3. Additionally, by not mentioning *Epimedium brevicornum* Maxim. and *Cuscuta chinensis* Lam., Guo et al. does not suggest the present invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

Appln No. 10/510,617
Amdt date January 3, 2007
Reply to Office action of July 31, 2006

Conclusion

In view of the preceding remarks, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

By 

Robert P. Auerbach
Reg. No. 46,525
626/795-9900

RPA/rpa

LAL PAS712544.1-* -01/3/07 2:25 PM

Appln No. 10/510,617
Amdt date January 3, 2007
Reply to Office action of July 31, 2006

APPENDIX

1. Substitute Specification
2. Compare copy showing changes to Substitute Specification